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## GROUP SUPPORT

The First United Methodist Church in Maryville will host an informal gathering for people who were residents of Carson's Apartments that recently burned down. The session is intended to give fire survivors a chance to gather and talk, and there will be professionals there for support as needed from 7 to 9 p.m. tonight.

## CAREER DAY

Career Services Career Day will be from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, in the Lamkin Activity Center. Anyone interested in attending is encouraged to bring a resume and wear business attire. For more information and a list of companies attending go to [nwmissouri.edu/careerserv](http://nwmissouri.edu/careerserv).

## POKER FUNDRAISER

Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity will host a Texas Hold 'Em fund raiser over the next few weeks to help raise money for the Christopher Reeve Foundation. The event will be held at Bubba's BBQ and Fix'ns, with no entry fee.

The other nine regular season events begin at 7 p.m. Wednesday and 1 p.m. Saturdays through March 10, and there is a \$10 buy-in. Prizes include a big-screen television, and prizes for second and third place.

## BRIDAL SHOW

The 34th Annual Sigma Society Bridal Show will take place 12:30 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 18, at the J.W. Jones Union Student Ballroom. Admission is \$2 at the door.

## TODAY

Thursdays at the Union, 10 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Fall 2007 student teaching applications due in TESS office.

## SATURDAY

Fiesta sponsored by Department of CTL, 6 p.m., Union Ballroom

Men's and women's basketball at Pittsburg State, Pittsburg, Kan.

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## —COMMUNITY FEATURE

# Endless effort?



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**TWO MARYVILLE** firefighters fight secondary fires on Jan. 28 at Carson Apartments, a day after the initial fire that killed two people. In the following week and a half, more fires caused damage and displaced residents in two other Maryville apartment buildings.

## DONATE: Firefighters face additional blazes

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By Evan Young and Andrea James  
Copy Editor, Chief Reporter

With the debris at Carson Apartments still smoking, two additional fires broke out in separate Maryville apartment buildings within five days of each other.

The first occurred Jan. 31 at 912 N. Walnut St.

The tenant, a cook at a local restaurant, was washing his clothes, which were saturated with cooking oil, said Lt. Phil Rickabaugh of the Maryville Fire Department.

"After the tenant took the clothes out of the dryer he folded them tightly and put them in a laundry basket. The heat was contained in the basket and the oil heated up and it started to break down," Rickabaugh said. "The fire was caused by spontaneous combustion."

The fire was contained in the laundry basket and the firefighters came in and quickly extinguished it.

A second fire started on Feb. 5 at 422 W. Seventh St. The apartment complex was once a single-family dwelling that was turned into apartments. There are six apartments inside the two-and-a-half-story building.

The fire started in the attic apartment and was blamed on a faulty heater, according to the Maryville Public Safety Department.

No one was injured in either incident, but the buildings were damaged, and the residents in the latter apartment complex had to find temporary living arrangements.

Rickabaugh said the three fires have put Maryville's mostly all-volunteer fire department

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**MARYVILLE FIREFIGHTERS** work together to extinguish flames from secondary fires as a crane and bulldozer demolish the remainder of Carson Apartments on Jan. 28. Firefighters responded to two other Maryville apartment fires on Jan. 31 and Feb. 5.

## —COMMUNITY NEWS

# Franchise ordinance under review

By Marcus Meade  
Community News Editor

Over \$1 million and the future of Maryville industry could hang on the definition of a single word—commerce.

A committee has been formed to see how the franchise fee ordinance should be interpreted and whether or not it includes members of industry.

This problem has risen from Aquila's practice of not billing industrial clients for franchise tax—believing that they didn't fall under the franchise tax ordinance.

The largest problem lies in defining the word commerce, which does fall under the franchise ordinance,

City Manager Mike Rietz said. The committee must decide if members of industry are also members of commerce.

"It's the notion that there has been some gentleman's understanding that industries...in the city of Maryville wouldn't be charged," Rietz said.

If the committee finds that industrial clients do fall under the definition of commerce, Sean Burge, the executive director of Nodaway County Economic Development, believes some prospective businesses may choose not to come to Maryville.

Aquila's own tax fate will be decided by the committee as well. The committee could decide that Aquila is responsible for the estimated \$1.4

million in taxes and penalties.

The \$1.4 million was accumulated by \$687,000 in unpaid taxes and \$700,000 in penalties, said Ray Carter, auditor for Taxfinders.

There are some, like councilman Chad Jackson, who feel it would be unfair to charge them for the back taxes because members of industry are not specifically named in the ordinance.

"Personally I don't feel that we should impose it because of the history behind the issue," Jackson said.

Jackson's goals for the committee are to get everyone on the same page and solve the problem quickly.

The committee's report to the council is set for Feb. 12.

## CULTURALLY CHOREOGRAPHED



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**MEMBERS OF the Hungarian Night Folk Ensemble** perform at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Saturday night. The Ensemble was established in 1951 and is working on its fifth tour in the United States.

## —UNIVERSITY NEWS

# Bill sets tuition limits

By Evan Young  
Copy Editor

A bill recently introduced in Jefferson City is drawing criticism from Northwest officials, despite its call for the Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative's approval.

If passed, S.B. 389 would change the way Missouri colleges and universities determine their tuition rates.

Introduced by Sen. Gary Nodler (R-Joplin) Jan. 29, a portion of the legislation requires public institutions to keep their tuition rate increases at or below the inflation rate, defined by the Midwest Consumer Price Index.

The bill allows the Missouri Higher Education Coordinating Board to fine any school that increases its tuition above inflation 5 percent of its state appropriation. This money would go into the general revenue fund.

For exceptional circumstances, schools can submit a waiver to the Coordinating Board for consideration.

The measure would take effect in the 2008-2009 school year and does not apply to institutions that charge \$100 or less per credit hour.

Nodler, who is also the Senate Education Committee chairman, called his legislation a "package of solid steps" toward making college educations in Missouri affordable.

"We need to help families who are trying to pay for the skyrocketing costs for their children to earn their college degree," Nodler said in a Missouri Senate press release.

The bill also authorizes the passage of Gov. Matt Blunt's Lewis and Clark Discovery Initiative, which would allocate \$350 million from the sale of student loan assets from the Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority to fund college construction projects statewide. Northwest would receive over \$11 million to complete construction on the Center of Excellence for Plant Biologics.

Initiative funds could be available to schools as early as April because the bill contains an emergency clause, which means it should move quickly through the legislature.

However, University President Dean Hubbard said the bill is bad news for schools like Northwest, which already keep tuition increases low.

"Institutions that have held their tuition down will be punished and those with high tuition will be rewarded. Over time, the spread will increase between the two groups," Hubbard said. "The maximums will

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**CAMPUS BRIEFS**

**Personal Safety Presentation at Health Center**

Northwest's Lighthouse Project Director Stacey Weidmer and Campus Safety officer Kristina Hargin will discuss issues relating to personal safety and sexual assault prevention at the American Association of University Women meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, in the University Health Center.

During the second half of the free presentation, Hargin will show techniques women can use to defend themselves from assault. Anyone participating is encouraged to wear comfortable clothing.

**Rendez-vous Latina Dinner takes place Saturday**

Celebrating French, Latino and Spanish cultures with cuisine and music by a Las Guirras de Mexico, Rendez-vous Latina will be from 6 to 11 p.m. Saturday in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Tickets are \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and senior citizens and \$5 for children under 10. Tickets can be purchased from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Student Services Center in the Administration Building or by calling 562-1212.

**mtvU now available to on-campus residents**

MTV-affiliated mTVU is now broadcasting locally to all residence halls, suites and apartments on channel 95. mTVU is a 24-hour cable network featuring music and shows focusing on college life.

**Dramatic Arts Program to show student-authored play**

Theatre Northwest will present "What to Do Tonight?" at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 14, in the basement performing space of the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Admission is \$5 at the door.

**Financial Aid workshop throughout Missouri**

College Goal Sunday, which helps students and families with filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid, will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday in Golden Hall.

For more information about financial aid or a list of locations throughout the state, go to [CollegeGoalMissouri.com](http://CollegeGoalMissouri.com).

**CAMPUS**

**Everyday life inspires poet**

By Andrea James  
Chief Reporter

Suburbia is the place that embodies all places for Northwest English Assistant Professor John Gallaher.

He is fascinated with the idea of not only living life in the outskirts of a city but reflecting back on it as well.

"I like suburbia. It is a stationary place of all places. I find that whenever I talk about something it turns back to a house, a road and the creatures that live in them," Gallaher said.

Gallaher contemplates the idea of suburbia in his new book of poetry, "The Little Book of Guesses."

He received his inspiration for the title from a quote by former president Ronald Reagan. In his quote, Reagan asks what would life be like if World War II actually happened.

Gallaher said this was an evocative question because World War II has taken place. The question Reagan's quote presented made Gallaher question how we live life in suburbia. He decided that the only way to answer Reagan's, and his own, question is by guessing.

"(Life) would be exactly what it is. Furthermore, do we live our lives knowing we are living our lives or do we just live our lives? Oftentimes we are not reflexive enough and are not folding back on it much...The book is the constant guessing that one must go through to get to wherever one wants to go," Gallaher said.

The concept of suburbia made an impression on Gallaher when he was young, he said. His father was a pilot when he was younger, which resulted in his family moving around a lot.

As Gallaher grew up he began to notice that even though the names of the towns and people were different, the concept of suburbia was the same.

"It didn't even matter where I was. Everything was suburban. We had a house with a driveway next to a house with a driveway. It was very much one place that has burned itself into my thought process; because where else would people live if not houses," Gallaher said.

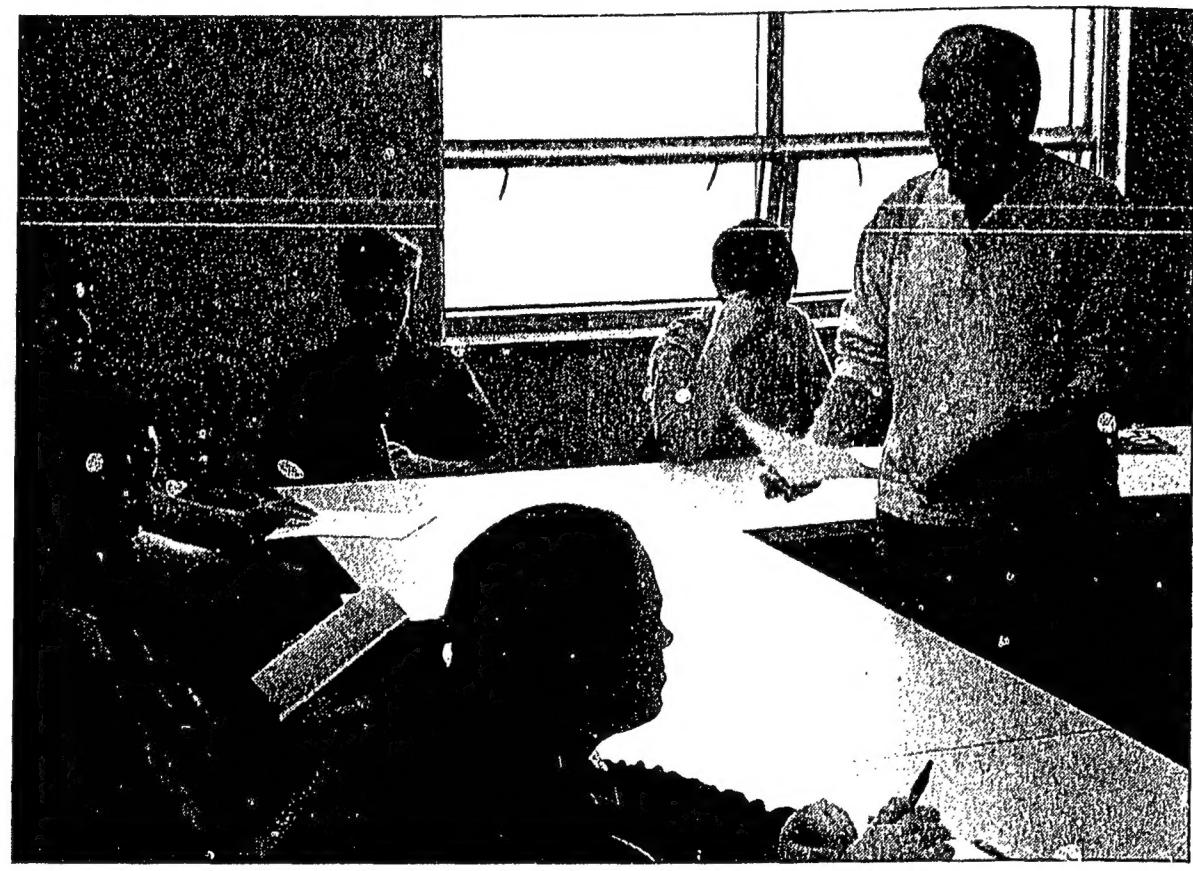
Gallaher's wife of seven and a half years, Robin, is an English instructor for Northwest.

She said his poetry captures the everyday life and it holds a different view of the world with out being pretentious.

"I have met a lot of poets who want to be a poet with a capital 'P.' I think most real artists are just people going through real life. John is a great dad and husband and it is important for him to not be a poet with a capital 'P,'" Robin said.

Gallaher tries to avoid using his family as material, he said. He has two children, Natalie and Eliot, who he would rather take information and ideas from.

"I don't want to say my life or my family's doesn't exist as material. I don't write about them, I write from them," Gallaher said.



John Gallaher, assistant professor in the English Department, hands out creative non-fiction stories to his students in a creative non-fiction writing class on Tuesday afternoon in Golden Hall. Gallaher's second poetry, "The Little Book of Guesses," is going to be on shelves at the beginning of April.

His first book, "Gentlemen in Turbans, Ladies in Caus," was published in June 2001 by Spuyten Duyvil publishers, Gallaher said. He found the title for his first book of poetry after looking at a picture of a man wearing a turban and the woman wearing a caul.

"It was a French 14th-century painting and I liked the idea of just naming and categorizing and putting everything in its little box; prescriptive and flat. This is what it is," Gallaher said.

Gallaher didn't work with themes but from an idea, he said. He used many

parenthesis and brackets in his poetry to help break things down, he said.

"There are theories about what the things they say about living life were true. What if the poetry were really depicting something in real life. I tried to crack open the language and let more breakages speak," Gallaher said.

Amazon.com will begin to sell "The Little Book of Guesses" on April 1, for \$10.17, Gallaher said.

His other book "Gentlemen in Turbans, Ladies in Caus" can also be purchased on Amazon.com for \$12.

**COMMUNITY**

**COMMUNITY BRIEFS**

**2nd Annual Chocolate Festival supports church**

The 2nd annual Chocolate Festival will be held at the First Presbyterian Church on Feb. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m.

The festival will include the tasting and selling of hand made chocolate treats like chocolate covered cherries and brownies. Coffee and tea will be served with a chocolate fountain for dipping. Sugar-free items are also available.

Proceeds from sales and donations at the event will help support various church projects.

The First Presbyterian Church is located at 211 S. Main. For more information contact Linda Hanson at (660) 927-3694.

**Habitat for Humanity home selection to take place**

Selection for the 2007 Nodaway County Habitat for Humanity home provided by the First United Methodist Church will take place on Feb. 10 at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church.

The organization, which provides a house for a chosen family that earns an annual income between 25 and 60 percent of Nodaway County's median income, builds the house to save the family money with things like an interest-free loan.

The location and size of the home are based on the chosen family's needs.

The family must reside in Nodaway County and be capable of paying the 20-year, interest-free mortgage.

For more information, call the Habitat message line at 562-2530.

**Missourians age 55 and up compete for award**

"Missouri's Older Worker of the Year" contest has begun. Each year the state of Missouri, with sponsorship from the Missouri Senior Employment Coordinating Committee, gives the award to a Missourian age 55 and over who works at least 20 hours a week and shows characteristics like loyalty and self-motivation.

Nomination forms are available at [Dhss.mo.gov](http://Dhss.mo.gov). All nomination forms must be sent by March 14. Nomination forms should include a narrative stating why that candidate should be chosen.

**Sweetheart Supper takes place in Worth County**

The Worth County Vocal Boosters are holding the Sweetheart Supper on Feb. 12 at the Worth County R-Ill Gym.

The prime rib dinner will run from 6 to 7 p.m. with a show to follow. The entertainment will run from 7 to 9 p.m. with hypnotist Monty Stratton performing for one hour and local musical talent another hour.

For more information or reservations contact Cecelia Burbach at (660) 564-4024.



A GROUP of fifth graders at Maryville Middle School give their donations to the Red Cross. Martin Farnan, who is a Red Cross Disaster Action Team member, accepts the gift for the organization.

**Students 'pay it forward'**

By Andrea James  
Chief Reporter

Just pay it forward.

This is the advice Oprah gave to the world during her October 2006 show, "Favorite Giveaway Ever," according to Oprah.com. She urged more than 300 audience members to be generous and help others.

Students at Maryville Middle School used her words as an inspiration to do good deeds for other, said Kathy Goff, fifth grade teacher at Maryville Middle School. Sixty middle school students chose to take on this task and help those in the community that might need it.

During Oprah's show, she gave her audience members \$1,000 each to help others, according to Oprah.com. She also loaned the audience members cameras so they could document who they gave the money to and why. The audience members had one week to complete the challenge.

Students at Maryville Middle School had about two weeks to complete their version of the challenge, Goff said.

"We figure the students helped at least 13 organizations or programs and countless individuals in the community," she said.

The Optimist Club of Maryville donated \$1 to each of the fifth grade students. The students, in turn, "paid it forward" by raising money to help others, Goff said. The Optimist Club is a community service organization that focuses on encouraging the growth of young minds, according to Communityconnection.org.

Some students used the money to make stress balls to sell while others collected books and other goods. The challenge was open to any student who wanted to participate and who had their parent's permission.

Maryville Middle School had a ceremony on Friday, Feb. 2, to present the monetary gifts and inform others what the students had accomplished. The students raised a total of \$820 that would go to different organizations or people.

"It was a wonderful experience for the kids. They talked about how good it felt to help others," Goff said.

Some of the places and people that received donations include Nodaway County United Way, St. Francis Hospital and Health Services, New Nodaway County Humane Society and Maryville Middle School teacher Brian Halley.

Selina Talmadge, Madison Driskell, Taylor Walter and Chelsea Byland collected money for the seventh grade teacher who has been battling cancer for the past year. They collected their donations from people around town.

The new Nodaway County Humane Society received money from Tate Mattson and Zach Carmichael.

The boys performed a raffle after school on Tuesday to collect money. Megan Hoyte collected children's books to give to St. Francis for their waiting room. Nodaway County United Way received money from Ian Ewing. Ewing sold stress balls made of balloons and flour.

"We want to thank the Optimist Club. More people should keep doing this, and they need to pass it on," Talmadge said.

**Snappin' Turtle to offer frequent specials, live music to bar-goers**

By Dominic Genetti  
Senior Reporter

More months after opening their doors, Carson's Sports Grille has a new neighbor.

The Snappin' Turtle, a new bar on the Nodaway Square, is set to open soon.

Located between Carson's and Looks Fitness Salon and Day Spa, the new Snappin' Turtle is owned by Darriek Turner, a Northwest alum, and his wife, Laura.

The Turners also own the Howlin' Coyote, a bar in Atlantic, Iowa. Featuring pool tables, darts and foosball, the Snappin' Turtle is a theme-free bar for people 21 and over.

"We've got a few surprises that we're going to pull, but one thing we're hoping to separate (from other bars) is probably customer service," Szadis said. "Everybody's going to be on the same field, no one's going to have to wait."

"Basically it's going to be a bar where we hope people come in."

Open Monday through Saturday, the Snappin' Turtle will offer daily specials to customers.

According to the bar's Web site, Mondays at the Snappin' Turtle will offer free pool and \$1-off beers.

Karaoke is the big event for Tuesdays with two-for-one beers.

From 8 p.m. to close is "College Night" on Wednesdays, featuring 99-cent Budweiser products. Thursday specials include two for one drinks all day long.

Friday is Ladies Night with \$1 drinks for ladies, \$2 for guys. Saturdays will feature live music and a \$3 cover charge.

"There's actually a guy that plays Chicago," Szadis said. "He wants to come down here and do a one man band."

The live entertainment will also have its benefits to those under 21.

"On live entertainment nights, when we have a band, we'll make it 19 and over," Szadis said.

However, in addition to specials, live bands and games, the Snappin' Turtle will feature an internet jukebox system that has 400,000 songs.

Due to complications, a set opening date for the new bar has been pushed back several times.

"If it was up to us, we'd be open by now," Szadis said.

Carrie Payne, Northwest student and Snappin' Turtle employee, is on a watch and wait stance.

"It might be a day, it might be a day and a half," Payne said.

**Filmmaker shares Enron documentary**

By Andrea James, Kristin Summers  
Chief Reporter, University Editor

After filming for less than a year, he opened doors behind a national scandal.

Alex Gibney, president of Jigsaw Productions, directed the documentary, "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," which unveils the truth about the energy company's accounting fraud. The documentary was the main topic of his lecture Monday night in the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Gibney showed a clip of the documentary that shows the Milgram experiment and how it affects people's decisions.

The Milgram experiment shows that majority of people will only do something they are unsure of if someone who is a authority figure tells them to do it, according to NewLife.net.

Gibney used the documentary to show that very few people who worked for Enron asked questions about what was going on with the company.

Northwest students Tristin Brown and Drew Wilson's favorite part of the lecture was the clip of the Milgram experiment. Brown said

she would like to see more advertisements for similar documentaries in the future.

Bayo Oludaja, associate professor in the Communication, Theatre and Language Department said he liked how Gibney told the audience they should be critical thinkers and to always ask why.

Lack of people probing and asking questions was what the documentary was trying to show, Oludaja said.

Before the evening lecture, students, staff and faculty had the opportunity to meet Gibney in the J.W. Jones Student Union Living Room to ask advice and questions about the film industry.

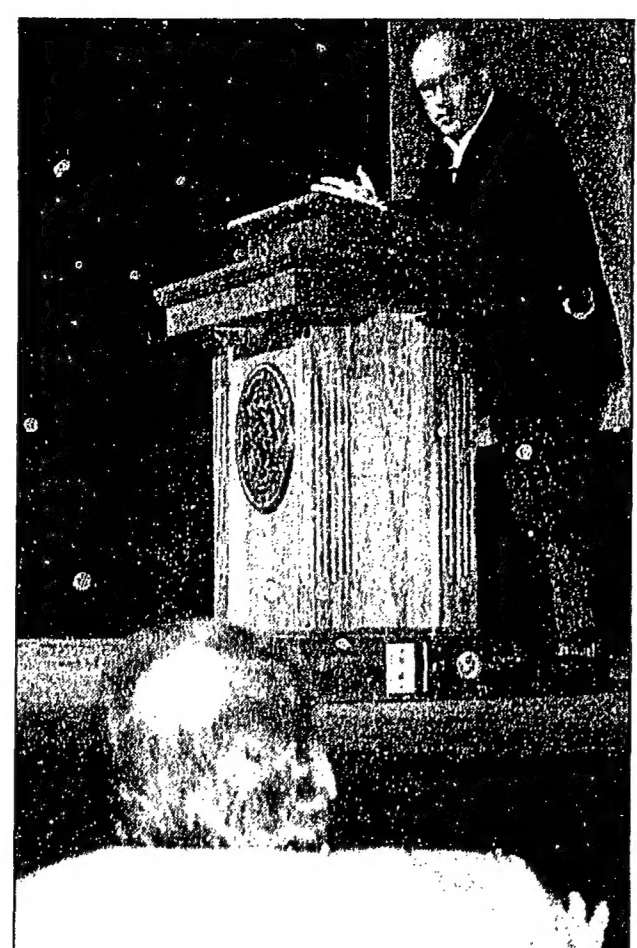
His Enron documentary was successful because it was a new kind of documentary.

"It plays a little bit like a movie, but it's a documentary," Gibney said. "It's playful."

Despite threats of being sued, none of the suits followed through against him with the Enron documentary, Gibney said.

Even though the Enron documentary is a serious issue, it is not somber, Gibney said.

"There's a difference between serious and somber," Gibney said. "I feel the movie is serious, not somber."



Alex Gibney, filmmaker and producer of "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room," answers instructor Matt Rouch's question on Monday night. Gibney talked about his documentary on Enron and answered questions from the crowd.

**Franken to offer private rooms**

By Dominic Genetti  
Senior Reporter

With the new Hudson and Perrin freshmen dormitories opening at the beginning of next school year, the Northwest Residential Life office is offering private rooms in Franken Hall for upperclassmen.

"Over the years we always have students requesting private rooms," said Rose Viaw, Assistant Residential

Life director. "This allows us that opportunity to have private rooms for people since we have that extra space."

In an e-mail sent out to students on Jan. 18, Residential Life broke the news of Franken's new service.

"There won't be any renovations, there will be some perks that come along with it," Viaw said.

The cost to live in a private room in Franken Hall next year is \$2,183.

Included in the package is free parking and an optional Aladdin plan only costing \$600. Removal of the second bed is also being offered.

"It is a different rate," Viaw said. "Generally for a private room you'd pay the room fee and you'd pay \$650 for a private room charge."

Viaw said the room charge to living in Franken would be reduced to a cost ranging \$300 to \$350.

Like the second and third floors of Franken today, all floors being occupied by private rooms next fall will be coed housing 25 students.

South Complex also offers private rooms.

"While the pleasure of having her own room is something to look forward to, Fanning does see advantages to having a roommate."

"Sometimes I think it's good to have a roommate," Fanning said. "You have someone to talk to, you're not all by yourself."

For now, Viaw said plans are not set in stone, however, Franken's future is dwindling.

"I'm pretty confident that at some point in the future, Franken and Phillips [Hall] will come down," Viaw said. "When that's going to happen, I don't know."

"I think it really depends on what they student wants," Viaw said. "Some people want a room by themselves and they don't really care if they're living in a brand new facility, so

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—COLUMN

## Editor forgives in face of death

I stop just short of entering the barren, off-white hospital room. Closing my eyes tight, I breathe in deeply one last time before turning in to see him. Maybe if I don't go in, this won't be real.

What do you say to someone you aren't sure you are ever going to see again?

He turned to look at me as if it hadn't been three years since we'd seen each other. I stare back in disbelief. The man half-perched in his hospital bed couldn't possibly be my father.

His eyes were sunken in his wrinkled, jaundiced face. For 55 he looks much older than his age would suggest. He is potentially dying of cirrhosis of the liver, and I can do nothing. I reach out to touch his hand and say, "It's good to see you. How are you feeling?"

At that instant, I knew that I had to forgive my father for everything he had ever done or hadn't done.

Let me regress a bit. My parents divorced when I was seven. My father, I watched Daddy's solemn face look down from a Greyhound Bus as he traveled further and further out of reach. Since then he has been in and out of my life—more out than in.

There were missed birthdays, holidays and empty promises. We used to see each other most Sundays so he could play a "Disney World Dad" as my mother referred, taking us out to dinner, to the park and to Wal-Mart for a few toys to make up for the fact that he was never around.

Then this summer I was talking to him on the phone when we got into an argument about money. Without missing a beat he said, "You know, I wouldn't be in this mess if your mother hadn't stopped taking her birth control without telling me."

I spent months infuriated at him. How could the perfect daddy only years ago slap me in the face with such a biting comment? He's the father who helped me learn to ride my bike, played Uno and Barbies with me. He was once my best friend, and now he tried to convince me I was a mistake.

For years I've held in so much anger toward him and the injustice of not having a father I could rely on. But I realized this weekend, even though I may not always like him, I love my father and I need to forgive him for everything he never was.

Life's too short to hold in all that resentment and it only hurts a person. So many of us walk around with chips on our shoulders about numerous things, thinking somehow if we hate someone enough or try to get even, our lives will be better.

After hours of talking, he turned to me and reached out his hand.

"How could you come and see me here and be so nice to me after I've been such a bad father to you for so many years?" he asked with tears brimming in his eyes.

"That's how I'm deciding to live my life now," I said.

I went on to explain that although I haven't always liked him, he was my father and I forgive him for everything he's ever done. You see it's not my job to get even for all the hurt he's caused because I know he did the best he could.

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—COLUMN

## Identity not always checked locally

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I signed my signature where one of my best friend's should have been.

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He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Lauretta Ringgold and a grandson, James Diaz.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma, of their home in Rock Port; son, Robin McDowell, St. Joseph; daughters: Sharon Powell, St. Joseph; and Debra Hurst, Rock Port; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and a sister: Caroline Blackney, Maryville.

Visitation is anytime at Price Funeral Home, Maryville. Funeral services will be at Price Funeral Home.

Burial will be at Nodaway Memorial Gardens, Maryville. Military Services will be conducted at graveside by the Missouri Military Honors Team.

**Kathryn V. "Kay" Taylor**, 86, of Maryville, died on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2007 at her home surrounded by her loved ones.

Born Sept. 20, 1920 in Maryville, she was the daughter of the late Fred & Elizabeth (Wilmes) Auffert. She was a homemaker and had worked for many years with Tivoli Vogue Clothing Store as well as Davis Paint Store and Hillside Pharmacy. She was a devout member of the St. Gregory Catholic Church.

In her younger years she was an avid tap dancer and in later years loved to dance with J.B. at the Elks and Maryville Country Club. She loved playing cards and adored her neighbors.

She was preceded in death by her parents; first husband, Austin Pfeiffer; brothers, Fred Auffert, Richard Auffert, Sylvester Auffert; and a stepson, Doug Taylor. She is also survived by her husband, John B. "J.B." Taylor; children, Jo Beth Bender wife of the late DuWayne, Littleton, Colo., Carla Connor and husband Craig, Olathe, Kan., Rhonda Ferguson and husband Craig, Olathe, Kan.; stepchildren, Charlotte, Schneider husband Joe, Olathe, Steve Taylor and wife Debbie, Olathe, Russell Taylor, Platte City, Mo., Georgia Wright and husband Jim, Wichita, Kan., Ron Taylor and wife Janell, Des Moines, Iowa. She is also survived by loving sisters, Evelyn Peterson and Marie Gallagher both of Maryville, 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

A mass of christian burial was held at St. Gregory Catholic Church, Maryville. Final Resting Place will be in the Columbia Cemetery, Conception, Mo.

Grandparents are Rick Pedersen, Guilford, Mo., Connie and Jimmy McClain, Bedford, Iowa, and Don and Chris Strough, Gravity, Iowa.

Great-grandparents are Murray and Sharon Rhodes, Kansas City, Kan., Sue and Jerry Pedersen, Conception Jct., Mo., and Flossie and Dean Breach, Sharpsburg, Iowa.

**Brayden J. Wagner**, Will and Andrea Wagner, Maryville, are the parents of Brayden J. Wagner, born Jan. 24, 2007 at St. Francis Hospital.

Brayden weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces and joins one brother, Brooks.

Grandparents are Sue Rylee and Owen Wagner, Odessa, Texas, and Erston and Gale Kearns, Gladstone, Mo.

Great-grandparents are Mildred Kearns, Mirable, Mo., and Donna Vaughn, Odessa, Texas.

**OBITUARIES**

**Otha "Wilson" McDowell**, 85, Rock Port, Mo., died Monday, Jan. 29, 2007, at the VA Medical Center, Leavenworth, Kan.

Wilson was born Aug. 15, 1921 in Ravenwood, Mo., the son of Otha Richard and Stella (Wilson) McDowell.

He served in the Army during World War II and on March 20, 1946 he married Wilma Leona Wooten in Hiawatha, Kan.

Wilson was a farmer and retired from the Missouri State Highway Department.

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## BILL: Hubbard believes legislation unfit for Missouri colleges

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become the minimums. No institution will ever raise tuition below the allowable limit."

And although he would like Northwest to receive the remaining Center of Excellence funds, Hubbard called the inclusion of the initiative in a tuition bill a "dereliction of duty."

Hubbard said controlling the price of higher education in Missouri hinders Northwest's ability to compete with other schools nationally, especially since the Midwest Consumer Price Index will determine the inflation rate.

"Price controls don't work in a capitalist society. Competition is the best form of quality and price control," Hubbard said. "Competition keeps prices down."

One of the reasons Missouri schools raise tuition is an increasing lack of state funding, Hubbard said. Nationally, Missouri ranks at the bottom of the list when it comes to state support for higher education. Yet Northwest ranks in the middle in terms of tuition, Hubbard said.

Unless the state increases funding to meet the national average, tuition will continue to jump in order for schools to hire quality faculty to provide a quality education.

"It's a cruel joke to reduce the quality of what we provide in the name of making it cheap," Hubbard said.

Jason White, accounting, economics and finance assistant professor, agreed that a price control is not the direction to take for improving education affordability and maintaining quality.

"In most instances it's better to let the free market rule these types of activities," White said. "It can't be done without sacrificing quality."

Currently, the task of setting Northwest's tuition rests with the Board of Regents. However, with the passage of S.B. 389, the Coordinating Board would have a significant influence on the regents' decisions regarding tuition, Hubbard said.

He said the legislation represents a transition of tuition setting from local boards to "central bureaucracies," which could ultimately lead to one board for all Missouri colleges and universities.

"We take it very seriously. We do everything we can to hold it (tuition) down," Hubbard said. "I have to think of the long-term future of this institution, and my colleagues feel the same way."

Another section of the bill calls for the merging of Missouri's two largest need-based scholarships, the Gallagher and Guarantee scholarships, to form the Access Missouri Financial Assistance Program.

The program would provide need-based scholarships to Missouri students attending approved public or private institutions and who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Nodler said in the Senate release that \$25 million would be added to the program from the general revenue fund this year.

White said creating a single financial aid program for Missouri students is beneficial because there would only be one set of rules and regulations to follow, and that more students would be able to take advantage of the aid offered.

But Hubbard said the program is unfair to Missouri taxpayers. He said public tax dollars would be funneled to private institutions via student scholarships, without any accountability for how the money would be spent.

S.B. 389 also requires two and four-year institutions to develop performance measures so the Coordinating Board can assess the schools' performance.

Colleges and universities would also have to develop statewide standards for what their students should achieve in all entry-level college English, math, science, social studies and foreign language classes.

(University News Editor Kristin Summers contributed information to this story.)

## Second Chance: Student tries to return to normalcy after recent kidney transplant

By Whitney Keyes  
Chief Reporter

Some students need new pencils or new notebooks before they come back for school after winter break.

Jonathan Pahl needed a new kidney.

Luckily for this Northwest Interactive Digital Media senior, his cousin was able to donate, and on Sept. 5, 2006, Pahl underwent an ABO incompatible transplant.

An ABO incompatible transplant is not an ordinary transplant. This type of surgery requires much more work, because the blood type of the donor and the receiver do not match. In order for the transplant to be a success, doctors had to weaken Pahl's immune system, so that the foreign blood would not be attacked.

"It is not a fun experience," Pahl said. "But it gives you an interesting perspective on life."

Pahl had his first kidney transplant at the age of three. When he first learned about his kidney problems in middle school, he knew he couldn't drive himself crazy over it, so he chose not to worry.

Almost 20 years after his first transplant, Pahl started feeling sick again. Suspecting it was time for another transplant, he and his



SENIORS JONATHAN Pahl (right) and Chris Rinella visit with friends while eating dinner at the Lutheran Campus Center Sunday evening. Pahl is in his first semester back at Northwest after receiving a kidney transplant.

University adviser started talking about time off.

The two were hoping for the transplant to happen during summer, which would give Pahl four months to undergo the surgery and recover.

When that plan didn't work out, it was decided that Pahl should take a trimester off, and hope to return for spring trimester.

"Until he started having problems, I never would have known,"

adviser Carol Spradling said. "He didn't share right away, but after some time, I became aware."

Spradling, who has known Pahl since his first year at Northwest, said he never complains. She said he has always upheld a positive and upbeat attitude.

For Pahl, this is the only way to make it through such a major surgery.

"You have to be optimistic, and keep your mind off of it," Pahl said. "The worst thing that could

happen is death."

This might have been one of the hardest things to do after surgery though. Pahl spent five days in the hospital at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., after surgery. After that, he was transferred to a housing facility similar to a Ronald McDonald House, in Rochester for three weeks. Finally, Pahl was cleared to go home to Iowa.

At home, he laid low, tried to gain his strength back and also tried to keep up with his schooling. During his resting period, he taught himself new computer programs, so that he would be ready to come back.

Spradling, who stayed in touch with Pahl, knew he wanted to come back through the emails the two shared, and Pahl's Web site.

Now that Pahl is back at school, he is continuing classes and is a teacher's assistant in the Computer Science department.

Pahl, though he still limited in activities due to his suppressed immune system, is amazed at how much better he looks and feels. He realizes that his transplant was a treatment, not a cure, and that someday, he will probably undergo another surgery.

"I've had a lot of time to think, and I know what's important in life," Pahl said.

## FIREFIGHTERS: Safety measures urged after multiple fires

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on physical and mental over-time.

"I think a lot of the firefighters are to the point where they are exhausted," Rickabaugh said.

The Carson Apartments fire was long and drawn out, Rickabaugh said. Firefighters spent some 20 hours on the job, strained by the cold temperatures and the intensity of the blaze.

However, all the firefighters

are dealing with it well due to the support of the community.

"You always wish you could do more to help," Rickabaugh said.

Rickabaugh said people need to be aware of their surroundings, have working smoke detectors and, if they live in an apartment complex, they need to know all the ways to get out of the building.

"People really need to take fire safety seriously. In a matter of minutes everything could be gone and you need to be able to act quickly,"

Rickabaugh said.

One former Carson resident said she does take it seriously, and that is the reason why she survived a blaze that killed two of her neighbors, Derrick Schafer, 28, and former Northwest student Brandon Kaut, 22.

Tess Smail, an ARAMARK employee at Northwest, said she is grateful she had a working smoke detector, as well as rental insurance, which will help replace a significant number of items.

Smail normally wakes up to go to work at 3:30 a.m. That morning, however, she woke up, but fell back asleep shortly thereafter.

"I laid back down and had just dozed off and the only thing that woke me up was my smoke detector," Smail said. "If the smoke detector had not gone off, I'm convinced I'd be dead right now."

"Do you have smoke detectors? A lot of people don't. They don't even think about checking the batteries. That saved my life."

The Northwest men's basketball team look to remain focused after beating undefeated Central Missouri. See B2 for Saturday's preview



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# SPORTS

—NW BASKETBALL FEATURE

## SULLIVAN'S second chance

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

Against Missouri Southern, Jan. 10, freshman guard Lance Sullivan had a good look at a shot that would've won the game for Northwest.

Instead, the shot didn't go in and Northwest left Joplin with the Bearcat's first conference loss of the season.

The team arrived in Maryville around 2 a.m.—eager to put the loss and themselves to bed.

Except for Sullivan.

Instead, he turned on the lights in Bearcat Arena and shot from the same spot he missed—the left corner, until 3:30 a.m.

"I felt like I let myself and my team down, because they pretty much drew up the play for me," Sullivan said.

Sullivan has made his mark on the team this year. He is second on the team in scoring. His biggest games of the year came against top 10 teams. At then No. 7 Emporia State, Sullivan tied a career-high in points with 20 and hit five treys in the 89-72 win. At home against then No. 2 Central Missouri, Sullivan scored a career-high 24 points.

"He's very coachable," Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "He's just got a lot of confidence."

It was a high point for Sullivan, who admitted he went into a slump after the Southern game. He was rewarded with MIAA Player of the Week honors Jan. 31.

"Coaches could have almost made a switch, but they (coaches) kept sticking with me and bringing me in," Sullivan said. "Coach (Jerome) Haden brought me in and we went over some film and things."

That's been the make of Sullivan's character since graduating in 2005 from Columbus, Ohio. Coming out of high school, Sullivan had looks from Division I and Division II schools, including Northwest, but he decided to stay close to home. One of the schools was Division II Wheeling Jesuit—only two hours from his hometown. A broken right foot at the start of the season landed him a medical redshirt for the season.

A meeting with head coach Jay Defruscio effectively ended his career with the Cardinal program.

"The coach said he wanted to take away some of my scholarship money because I haven't proved myself," Sullivan said. "It was weird because I practiced every day, once I got healthy, and I was going to be starting, but I haven't proved myself in a game."

Sullivan then made a call to his high school coach, Mike Thornton, who knew current graduate assistant Doug Karleskint. After pitching Sullivan to Tappmeyer, "Sulli," as he is known by his teammates, landed in Maryville.

see SULLIVAN on B3

NORTHWEST REDSHIRT freshman Lance Sullivan has made a name for himself in his first season as a Bearcat. The starting guard leads the No. 13 men's team in three-point shooting and is second in points per game.

—NW TRACK

## Track has 1st meet in 2 weeks



DISTANCE RUNNER Eric Isley leads a group of fellow teammates during practice in Bearcat Arena. The Cats are ranked No. 6 in the latest D2Rankings.com poll.

By Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

Since the inception of the current format of the MIAA, the Northwest men's track and field team has only won four indoor titles, the last coming in 1992.

The University of Central Missouri has picked up 10 of the last 14 championships since the Bearcats last hoisted the team trophy.

But based on the latest national rankings, things may be about to turn for the Cats.

Northwest is currently ranked sixth nationwide in the latest D2Rankings.com Power Rankings, released Jan. 31. The Cats sit first among MIAA schools, ahead of conference newcomer Fort Hays State in 12th and Central Missouri in 12th.

The rankings are based on performances on the top two athletes

in each individual event. The times are compared with all other times and marks from other Division II schools and points assigned from the marks. The points are designed to be an indicator of how one school would be predicted to do if going head-to-head against other schools in a dual meet.

The men were ranked fourth in the initial rankings released Jan. 24, and finished in the top 10 of the final indoor national rankings for the past five years. But each year they have always been behind Central Missouri.

"I think the kids get a little bit excited for it," said men's head coach Richard Alsop. "There's a lot to work on. You can't get focused on that very much. They look more at where they're ranked in the conference (performance lists)."

see MEET on B3

—INJURY UPDATE

## Qaoud continues recovery

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

As his brother was resting in his hospital room at the University of Kansas Medical Center, David Qaoud said something to his older brother.

"You know, Abe, the first touchdown next year. The crowd is gonna go crazy," David said.

The home opener at Bearcat Stadium is months away. But the road to recovery for the Northwest wide receiver is even longer as Qaoud begins his rehabilitation from injuries sustained in a fire at Carson Apartments Jan. 27.

During the past week, Qaoud has undergone two surgeries to remove burnt skin from his legs. Qaoud will then have two more surgeries to graft new skin onto his legs. Because of the amount of blood-loss during each surgery, each procedure must be spread apart.

"He's doing pretty good. He's improving every day. He's starting to walk and starting to eat more. He's on pace for a speedy recovery," David said.

Support has come from more people than just family and friends. A Facebook.com group, started by David, titled "Abe Qaoud is my hero" has more than 1,000 members in the group. In the group, people have left messages showing support for Abe during his recovery—including people that didn't know him.

Wednesday night, the Minority Men Organization, of which Abe is a member, held a charity date auction. The auction, originally scheduled to donate money to a women's shelter and to St. Jude's, decided to donate the money to Abe. Because of the time of the

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—MHS WRESTLING

## 'Hounds peaking in time for districts

By Sam Robinson  
Chief Reporter

On the heels of a perfect 7-0 week, the Maryville high school wrestling team is in prime position entering this weekend's district championships.

Five of the wins came at last Saturday's Albany dual tournament, all over teams that the Spoofhounds will encounter at districts.

"Everyone in the tournament were teams that we'll see this weekend, so it was a good indicator for us," Coach Joe Drake said. "We, in the last two weekends between our tournament and that tournament, have seen most of the teams we're going to face in our district tournament. It's a good lead-up to this weekend."

At Albany, the 'Hounds proved they are one of the favorites at districts by dismantling fellow class 1 foes Gallatin, Stanberry, Rock Port and Albany all by over 20 points.

Those wins saw several standout performances. Freshman 119-pounder Danner Merrill continued his strong season by winning each of his five matches while 130-pounder Zack Scheibet and senior 160-pounder Cliff Robertson won all of their respective matches via pin or forfeit. In addition to the dominance at Albany, Maryville defeated St. Pius 45-20 last Thursday. The seven consecutive victories to close the regular season bring their final tally to 12-9.

While most of the excitement in wrestling generally skews toward the heavier classes, the most anticipated battle this weekend centers on two rival 119-pound grapplers.

Merrill, ranked No. 3 in the state at his weight class could face a familiar foe in Cameron's No. 1 ranked sophomore Kemper Kellerstrass. These two youngsters have faced three times this year with Kellerstrass, an all-state performer at 103 pounds last season, taking two of three matches.

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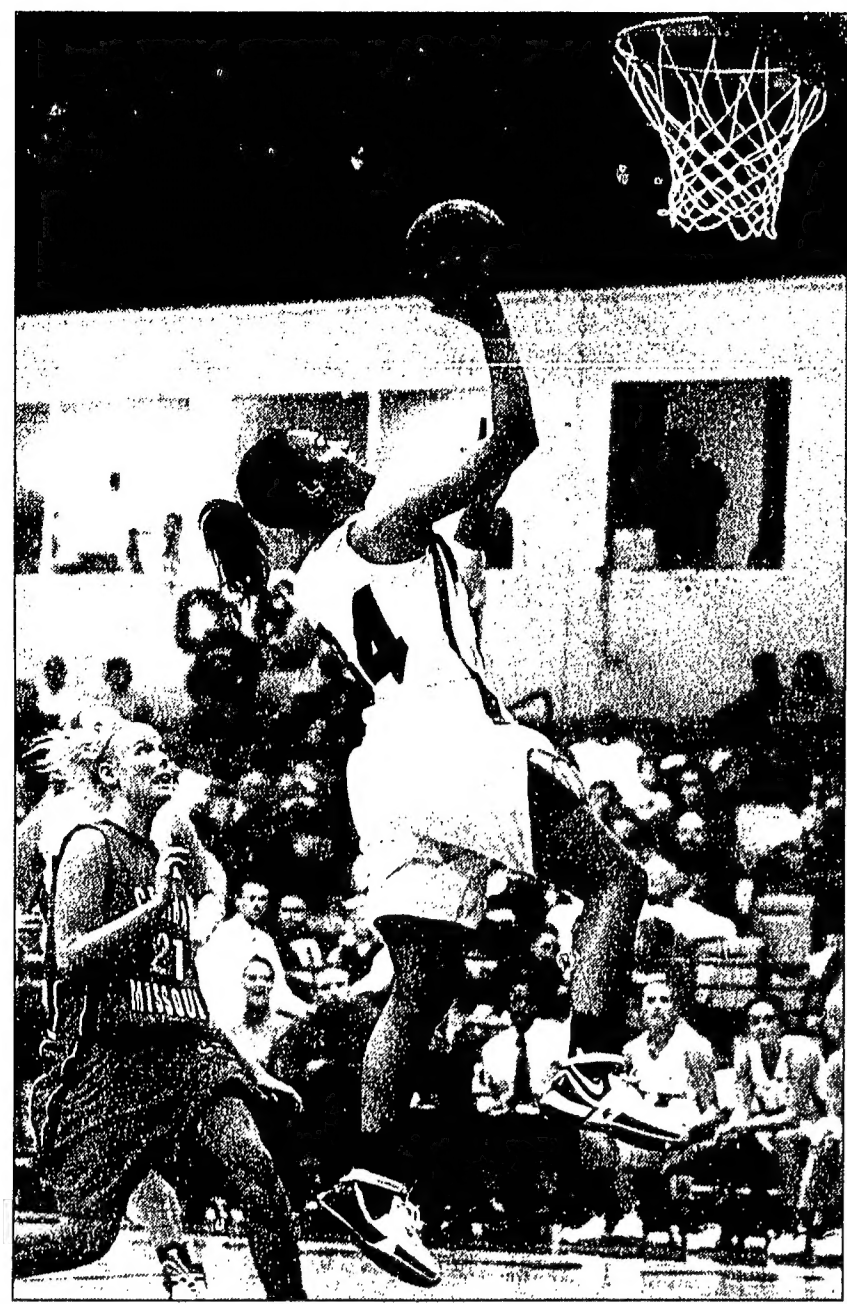
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—NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL



CENTRAL MISSOURI State's Megan Schoenfeld can only watch as Northwest forward Lauen Williams goes in for a layup. The Beacats beat the Mules 81-66.

## Women face crucial point during season

By Cali Arnold  
Community Sports Editor

A win couldn't have come at a better time.

A convincing defeat over Central Missouri Saturday set up the Northwest women's basketball team at a crucial point in its MIAA schedule.

After facing Truman State in Kirksville, Mo., Wednesday (results not available at press time), the Beacats travel to Pittsburg, Kan., for a rematch against Pittsburg State Saturday. The Gorillas defeated Northwest in Bearcat Arena on Jan. 13, 68-65.

Northwest head coach Gene Steinmeyer said his team faces a must-win situation over the next few games. However, he knows the task will not be easy for the 'Cats.

"I fit beat us here, and the only way to rectify that mistake is to beat them at their place," Steinmeyer said. "It's been one of the toughest places for us to play over the years. It's just been a nightmare there."

To try and overcome the tough playing environment, Steinmeyer said he is going to change a few things before traveling. Instead of staying overnight, the team will not arrive in Pittsburg until Saturday.

Along with physically containing Gorilla forwards Candice Gilbert and

Marissa Poppe, who scored 18 and 20 points, respectively, in the win over Northwest in January, Steinmeyer said the team has a lot to do mentally to prepare for the match up. While they are not "loaded" with talent, he said the team is very well coached and has achieved some very big wins in the conference.

One thing Northwest wants to carry out of the Central game is its offense. Five players scored in double digits, and another scored eight points in the win. Mandi Schumacher's career high 24 points pleased Steinmeyer.

"The nice thing is we got production inside," Steinmeyer said. "In truth, when you go 12-16 (shooting) inside, it helps...outside shooters can't make up the difference. If we get an inside presence, we're in pretty good shape. We've just been a little inconsistent is all."

Schumacher stressed the importance of winning on the road, but admits the team will have to change its ways before Saturday.

"We have to be up and be ready and hopefully play good," Schumacher said. "We haven't been playing too good on the road so we're a little bit worried."

"It's really really important—we have to win. If we want to do anything in the postseason, we have to win."

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—NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Men in thick of conference race

By Brett Barger  
University Sports Editor

After completing the upper tier of MIAA opponents this season, No. 13 Northwest finds itself a half game back of No. 5 Central Missouri.

Both teams sit atop the MIAA conference with 10 wins apiece. Northwest has one more loss in the conference.

Northwest coach Steve Tappmeyer said there are always coaching challenges, but in this situation, it's about "being able to handle success."

"It really tests the maturity of a team and I think we're really good about that," Tappmeyer said.

After facing Truman State, Northwest has games against Pittsburg State, Washburn, Missouri Southern, Missouri Western and Fort Hays State—with the only loss from that group coming against Missouri Southern. Three of the games will be on the road.

After traveling to Truman, Northwest travels Saturday to Pittsburg State with three out of the last four within the confines of Bearcat Arena, where Northwest is a perfect 11-0.

Tappmeyer said they are beginning to show some signs of fatigue as the season winds down.

"Everybody is a little worn down and I think we're OK that way. But I don't think anybody realizes how hard it is to get ready to play twice a week," Tappmeyer said. "It's something we've addressed. It's just the importance of being able to go on the road and get that enthusiasm."

While Northwest split the season series with Central and swept the series with Emporia State, the end of the season could prove to be a waiting game for the Beacats.

Emporia and Central have yet to play this season.

A sweep by the Hornets would benefit Northwest, should a tiebreaker ensue.

"We're fighting for the first seed in the MIAA. We're trying to go on a streak," guard Lance Sullivan said.

Hunter Henry, the reigning MIAA player of the week, said after Saturday's win that they will not back down. Henry, averaging 17.1 points and 7.8 rebounds has won the award twice this season.

"We're never afraid of anybody. There's nothing to be afraid of. We're right there in the conference hunt. We like that position right now," Henry said.

—NW SOFTBALL

## Softball prepares inside for season

By Scott Levine  
Asst. Sports Editor

The Northwest softball team is ready for the weather to cooperate.

With the season starting Feb. 17 against Lincoln in Jefferson City the team hasn't seen the outdoors yet. But the team has made the most of its situation as snow still rests on the softball diamond.

New head coach Ryan Anderson said his team does what's necessary inside but is limited.

"It's been going good and we're working hard, but we're starting to get cabin fever," Anderson said. "We've got kids who are willing to work, and we're doing as much as we can right now."

While inside, the team takes grounders, pitches, hits and works on other fundamentals. Although these are necessary, Anderson said being inside is far different from experiencing the outside elements.

"You don't have to deal with wind, rain or field conditions

when inside," Anderson said. "While taking grounders inside there will be different bounces. Hopefully we don't get too accustomed to that and be able to adjust back to fielding outside."

With eight underclassmen, the Beacats seem able to adjust to the inclement weather. Junior pitcher Kelly Morris said the seniors are preparing everyone for the upcoming season.

"We have a good group of seniors and they are helping everyone," Morris said outside, adjusting to the outside. "But I can't wait to get outside."

Morris said conditioning is a main aspect of practicing inside. In addition to building conditioning for their arms, the 'Cats hurlers also throw live batting practice.

However, Morris, senior co-captain Tristin Brown and Anderson agree that adjusting to the field is the biggest obstacle.

"The field is the biggest adjustment for everyone because the

side than inside," Brown said. Brown, a second-year captain, has seen almost every angle in adjusting to game action. Before coming to Northwest, Brown was a catcher. After an injury sidelined her, she moved primarily to the outfield.

Now Brown sees time at shortstop and outfield. Adjusting to these positions, along with hitting, can be difficult transitions when practicing outside.

"My attitude and versatility have really come along this year," Brown said. "We want to win and having the underclassmen trust us is a big thing."

With some underclassmen possibly seeing some starting time, Brown said it usually takes younger players' two weeks to completely get used to the outdoors.

This transition could pose problems if facing teams from warmer climates. Teams from the south are able to practice outside all year, while northern teams are required to dodge the outdoor

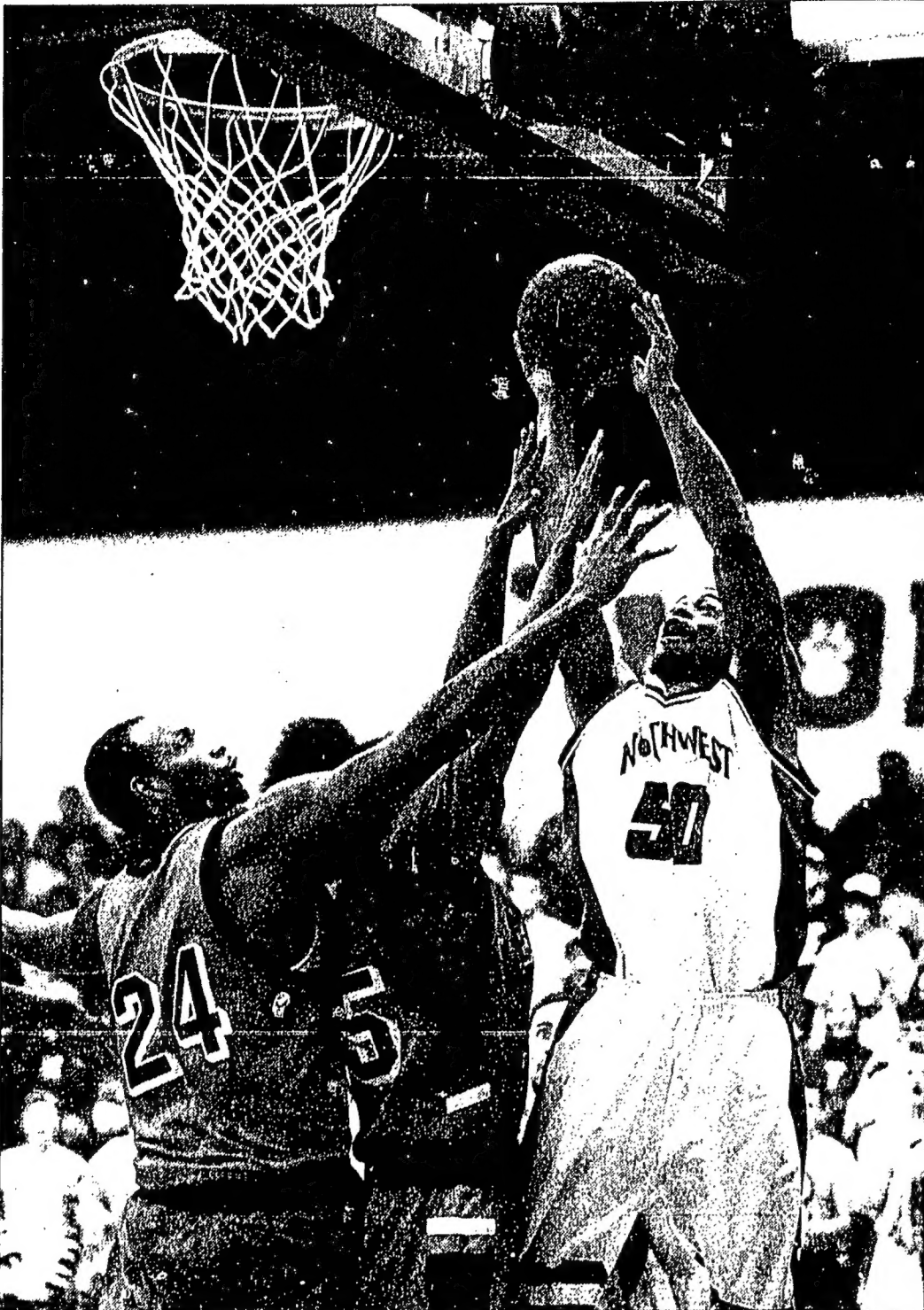
elements.

Anderson said southern teams may have an advantage in the season's early stages. But as the season culminates into the post-season, Anderson said each team should be on the same playing level.

The 'Cats, however, don't have to worry about being unprepared in the early going against southern teams. They won't travel outside the state of Missouri until facing Washburn March 14 in Topeka, Kan.

"When teams have played five or more games than you, that is a bigger problem than playing someone who has practiced outside," Anderson said. "Hopefully, if we eliminate our mental mistakes, we should be able to compete with anyone."

The softball team hopes to experience some of Mother Nature's trademarks before starting the season. But if Mother Nature doesn't cooperate, Lamkin's dark, climateless room will have to do.



NORTHWEST'S KELVIN Cayruth is double teamed as he shoots for the basket during Saturday afternoon's game against the University of Central Missouri. The Beacats beat the Mules 82-64.

# 'HOOUNDS

SULLIVAN: First

season means  
big time plays

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"Doug Karleskint really did most of the recruiting with Lance," Tappmeyer said. "Basically, he just got me the tape and we watched a few of his games."

Karleskint said he liked the leadership of Sullivan and how he controlled the game, in leading the program to a state championship in 2005.

"Lance was kind of a catalyst for them. He made that team go and was the glue and leader of that team," Karleskint said. "Coach T (Thornton) always was talking about how solid his family is and how good of a kid he is."

His drive for success and ability to remain humble comes from his brother, Lucius, who played college ball at Division II Tiffin University in Ohio.

"He told me to enjoy it and go as hard as you can with no regrets," Sullivan said.

At the same time, Sullivan said his brother likes to pick at his game and tell him things that he could do better.

"If I had like 24 points, he would still tell me things that I could have worked on," Sullivan said. "If he didn't have the stats down, he'd be like 'how many turnovers did you have?' but I appreciate that."

At the start of the season, Tappmeyer had a pool of players who he was looking at to fill the other guard position with Reggie Robinson running the point.

He said he did not envision Sullivan becoming the player he is so quickly.

"We thought he'd be a solid third guard and first guy off the bench. He's just exceeded what we thought he'd be," Tappmeyer said.

—MHS GIRLS' BASKETBALL

## Tough defense stops 'Hounds

By Ashley Lovely  
Missourian Reporter

After coming out strong in the first quarter, the Maryville girls' basketball team looked as if they had a chance to redeem themselves from last week's loss to Smithville.

Chillicothe's Lady Hornets' tough defense and quick ball handling skills put a stop to the Spoofhounds game and early into the second quarter the girls were trailing by 10.

The Spoofhounds went on to lose Tuesday night's game 36-59 due to a number of turnovers and the Lady Hornets' ongoing drive to the basket.

Finding it difficult to break the Lady Hornets' full court press and quick defense, the Spoofhounds scored only 5 points in the third quarter.

Head coach Grant Hageman said that once the team finds someone who can continually handle the ball with control, the girls would be on their way to success. Until then, he explained, they have to keep practicing and working hard.

Both Leah Wilmes, junior, and Jaclyn Guess, senior, proved that even though they were trailing by 20 points in the third quarter, that wasn't going to make them give up.

Together the two combined had 15 points in the second half.

Wilmes explained that the fact that she felt more comfortable playing during the end and that she couldn't let down coach Hageman kept her pushing through until the game was over.



MARYVILLE SPOOFHOUND sophomore Genesee Stoll gets surrounded by Chillicothe defenders during Tuesday night's game held at the Maryville High School. The Spoofhounds lost to the Lady Hornets 59-36.

## PEAKING: 'Hound wrestlers hope to qualify for state tournament

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Merrill envisions a very close contest should the two top seeds meet in the finals.

"I'll place first or second I'm pretty sure," Merrill said. "My finals match will be tough if I make it there but I can beat the kid. It will be a real battle between the both of us."

Other 'Hounds with strong chances for the state tournament include 8th-ranked junior Dakota

Merrill at 140 pounds and 275-pound freshman Jason Davies, who has over 20 wins to his credit. Robertson is the only reigning all-state member on the team and will wrestle at 160 pounds after spending most of the year at 171.

Robertson has high hopes for his team's chances after their recent run of success.

"I think we've come a long way since the beginning of the year, especially these last couple weeks have been our most

improvement," Robertson said. "I think we should finish pretty strong."

While defending state champion Cameron is the host school and the favorite, Maryville is on a hot streak and boasts a dual tournament win over them in January.

Drake is seeing his team's confidence level rise after a strong ending to its regular season and hopes they'll carry the momentum into this weekend and the state

tournament.

"Their expectations are very high," Drake said. "The idea now is we've got to get to the state tournament and we know that every one of them has a chance. We have to beat some of the exact same kids we just beat this last weekend and if we maintain that momentum and pull that off, we're looking pretty good as a group."

The meet starts on Friday afternoon and concludes Saturday at Cameron.

## MEET: Men's, women's teams bounce back after taking a week off

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Alsop said the rankings are nice and are probably the closest realization to a consistent national poll for track and field. But his athletes still have their goals set on the conference championship.

"It's good for confidence," said junior middle distance runner Jeff Kanger. "We're really looking at doing well at conference first."

The Northwest track and field teams will get the chance to see a broader view of the MIAA competition this weekend. Both squads will spend a day at the Central Missouri Multipurpose Building for the Mule

Relays. The women will compete today, with the men following up Friday.

"We haven't gone much head to head with those people (conference schools)," Alsop said, who also said that he's been discussing that with his team this week in practice.

Women's head coach Scott Lorek expects to see Central Missouri, Pittsburg State, Truman and Southwest Baptist attend the meet. A few others are expected to make the trip for the meet as well.

"They're (Central) probably the best team in the league, so that's plenty," Lorek said of the Jennies, who are ranked fourth in the same

D2Rankings.com poll.

Both Northwest teams took last weekend off after competition in the Bill Hillenbrand Invitational on Jan. 27. The extended break is making both coaches excited.

A majority of the women's team hasn't competed in three weeks, but Lorek said it the break was needed to work on technique.

"I think we're ready for some breakthroughs in certain event areas," Lorek said. "I think the jumps—long, triple and high—is an area that looks real good. We're also going to put together a distance medley team that I hope will break the school record."

The men's team is also looking for the break to translate into improvements this weekend.

"We had worked pretty hard for three weeks, and I think the kids were feeling the strain, the general aches and pains or hard work," Alsop said. "I think we're going to be fresher, I know we're in better shape. A lot of track and field is conditioning."

Kanger agreed that a rest was needed.

"We hit it pretty hard coming off of Christmas break," Kanger said. "To have a week off, it really helped a lot of people just heal up and relax a little bit and get their feet back underneath them a little bit."

—COLUMN

## Coaching involves more than players

Although it's only been two years, high school seems like forever ago.

Even so, I can still remember it clearly.

Being a three-sport athlete, I dealt with many coaches during my four years of high school. Some were great. Others, I'd rather not comment on, for the simple fact that we don't have enough room in this newspaper for every-

thing I'd like to say about them.

Even so, I have respect for every coach I came across during my years as an athlete. Not only did they put up with approximately 20 high school girls or more every day (a task even I wouldn't want to take on), they did all the other little things people don't think about. Coaches tape ankles, come up with plays, scout teams and deal with angry parents.

They also have to deal with the media.

I realize I am a member of the media. Because I was not nearly good enough to play sports after graduating, I thought being a sports-writer would be a great thing for me. While it is, I've also learned there are some people who don't like to talk to me.

I know the importance of reporting on sports. I am one of those people who go straight to the sports section of every newspaper I read. After that, it's the comics, and then I get to the hard news. Everyone has their priorities in life.

What I don't like to see, however, is the popular "so-and-so refused to comment" sentence that comes with too many stories.

Why refuse people what they want to hear?

Whether it is a win or a loss, the audience wants to know how



Cali Arnold  
Community Sports Editor

the game went. It's the coach's job to let these people know. Yes, the newspaper, radio and television reporters put the story out, but what do we give the audience when there is nothing to give?

Sports fans want to hear what coaches and athletes have to say about the game. They don't care about the score or how many fouls the back up point guard had. They want to know, in the coach's own words, why the back up point guard was playing in the first place. How does the reporter know that if the coach won't comment on it?

One of the biggest thrills as a high school athlete is having your name in the newspaper. Having a quote in the newspaper is even better. As great as that is, it's even more thrilling for the parents. However, if a coach refuses to talk to the media and also refuses to let the audience know what happened.

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I have every newspaper clipping from every game or track meet I ever competed in at home in a scrapbook. I know parents and athletes today feel the same as mine and I did two years ago. I would love to know that their clippings come from the Missourian.

Hopefully, coaches everywhere, oneverly, will soon come to understand the importance of the media.

—MHS BOYS' BASKETBALL

## Clarinda's zone stifles Spoofhounds

By Scott Levine  
Asst. Sports Editor

Stymied by a 2-3 zone, the Maryville boys' basketball team had difficulty scoring as Clarinda tallied a 45-41 victory Tuesday.

Maryville had a chance to tie or go ahead with 20 seconds remaining, but missed a shot as the Cardinals netted two free throws to seal the win. Maryville coach Mike Kuvitzky said turnovers were the game's difference.

"It was a competitive game and came down to several possessions, but we had some critical turnovers," Kuvitzky said. "Both teams played hard, but we made more mistakes."

Maryville assistant coach Ryan Tool said both teams played even for most of the night.

"We didn't play well against the 2-3 zone, but it was a very close game,"

Tool said. "We tried focusing on the zone, but we just had a tough time getting a lot of looks at it."

"They were quick at getting out on our shooters."

Maryville jumped to a 12-6 lead after the first quarter and maintained a two-point halftime lead.

However, Clarinda notched a 23-17 second half advantage propelling them to victory.

The Cardinals, now 5-13 overall, also reached the free throw line more. The 'Hounds managed only three free throws, while Clarinda mustered 20.

"(Clarinda) could come out and play tough and we weren't able to do that as much as we would have liked," Tool said. "Then we would get stagnant."

Maryville dropped to 7-12 overall and returns to action at 5 p.m., Friday, at home against Benton.

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event, it's not known how much money was raised.

The MMO said they would hold other events "as needs develop," said Ame Lambert, Minority Affairs director.

"We will keep in contact with Abe and see how his health progresses in the hospital and whatever needs he might have. Then we'll be in a position to decide what to do next," Lambert said.

During the 10 p.m. newscast on KQ2 news Monday, Qaoud was interviewed from his hospital room. He said that he would be ready to play football next season.

"He's ahead of himself. He's kind of pushing it," David said. "He's really goal-oriented so he's going to try and accomplish things, according to what he wants to do and football is something that he wants to do, so he wants to get back out there as soon as he can."

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STAFFTALK

## What's your best/worst Valentine's Day gift ever?

"Honestly, I've never gotten anything except for a card from my great aunt."  
—Lindsay Jacobs

"It's my first Valentine's Day in a relationship."  
—Dominic Genetti

"My dad would buy all of us roses when I came home from school."  
—Andrea James

"Last year, my girlfriend gave me a cake with our picture monogrammed on it," Sam Robinson "Money."

—Scott Levine

"I try and break up with the person before Valentine's Day so I don't have to get her a gift."  
—Marcus Meade

"Our first year together, he sent me fake flowers while he was deployed and I still have them in my room."

—Kristin Summers

"Pretty much as long as it involves chocolate it's good."  
—Tara Adkins

"12 roses from a boy I didn't really like and I broke up with him a few days later."  
—Cali Arnold

"A dirty look from my girlfriend when I didn't get her anything."  
—Evan Young

"I lost a pair of good earrings and I asked him to replace them and he got me cheap, knock-off earrings instead."  
—Jess Schmidt

"I've never gotten a Valentine's gift except for those Valentine's in elementary school."  
—Brett Barger

"Two homemade CDs, a black and white framed photo of us and an UMSL hoodie."  
—Stephanie Stangl

## Sigma Society to hold annual bridal show

By Andrea James  
Chief Reporter

Visions of the perfect wedding can be seen during Sigma Society's 34th Annual Bridal Show.

Dresses, florists and photographers will be some of the items that will be featured at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 18 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, said Rachel Ludwig, Sigma Society member and bridal show participant.

Kim's Bridal & Tailor of Lee's Summit, Mo., supplied wedding dresses for a fashion show. There will be eight models in the show, and they each get to model four dresses.

"In between the models there will be someone demonstrating

proper wedding etiquette; like what is appropriate to wear and what isn't," Ludwig said.

Other sponsors include Maryville Florists, Hy-Vee, Randall's Formal Wear and Scott Erikson Photography.

Sigma Society is also raffling baskets full of items, Ludwig said. There is about \$40 worth of merchandise in each basket. The basket Ludwig helped put together is a homemaker's kit with plates and towels, she said. Another basket will have spa items in it. The raffle tickets cost \$1 per ticket or \$5 for six tickets.

"If you are thinking about getting married or engaged then come to the bridal show. Come watch us. It will be a lot of fun," Ludwig said.

## Valentine's Day pointless

By Kylie McDonough  
Contributing Columnist

Well, it's that time of the year again, I need to find every piece of black clothing I own and sport it on Feb. 14. I'm so excited I can hardly contain myself.

Why is it that starting Jan. 1 every store and their dog puts out their Valentine's Day decorations, but for the previous four months it was nothing but Christmas? And they definitely do not leave a trace of anything green and red anywhere.

I haven't always hated this day. Back in grade school I had so much fun. The day before we spent half the day making our little boxes to hold our valentines in and everyone was involved and everyone got something—even those classmates of yours that you hated, but you still had to give



them one.

It was the seventh grade that the hatred started to grow. You no longer were guaranteed something. Our afternoon announcements started at 3:05 p.m., which consisted of naming everyone, that had items to pick up, in alphabetical order in grades 7-12. Sitting through 20 minutes of that will

start to annoy anyone.

My dislike of the holiday doesn't have anything to do with my name being called—because it was—every year. Granted most of the time it was from my own mother, but my name was heard over the loud speaker.

What bothers me the most is how commercialized the day is. Why do people need a day on the calendar for something they easily have every other day of the year?

My favorite part is going out with some of my girlfriends and watching every single couple in the restaurant making out. I know you care about each other, but save that part for when people aren't around.

Not only is it hated by those that are single, there are a lot of couples out there that despise it about as much as I do because it puts so much pressure on them. Do I get a gift or not?

## How to be a polite wedding guest

Don't assume that the couple knows you're coming to their wedding. You must send back your reply card before the "reply by" date.

If you have declined an invitation, you are not expected to send a gift.

If you arrive at church during the procession, you should wait until the bride has gone down the aisle before entering.

Also, don't peek through the doors to watch because you'll be in her photos.

If you are late for the ceremony, you should walk down an outside aisle and find a seat quickly and quietly.

If you are of a different faith, you are not required to participate in the

rituals, but if you want to that's fine. You must buy the couple a gift. The gift should be something they can both use.

If you have sent a wedding gift through the mail, then you don't have to bring another one to the reception.

It's wise to give a cash gift to couples that are getting married out-of-town because they will have to ship everything back home and that's an added cost for them.

Many couples that have lived together for a while will not register for gifts because they have everything they need. In this case, cash in a wedding card is appropriate.

Guests pay for their own transportation and lodging.

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—Susan Espey

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Six to 12 months in advance:  
Determine what you and your families expect your wedding to be like.  
Decide how the wedding will be financed. Find out how much your parents are going to pay.  
Determine the style and time of day of the wedding. The time of the day may make the reception more economical.  
Select a wedding date.  
Select and reserve your ceremony and reception sites.  
Find a wedding officiant if one does not come with the wedding site.  
Select attendants.  
Secure catering arrangements.  
Secure a florist.  
Six to nine months in advance:  
Select and order the bridal gown and accessories.  
Make arrangements for music.  
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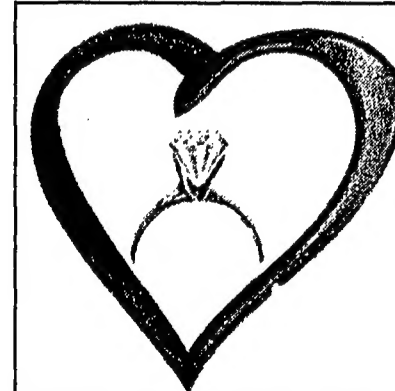


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### —HOROSCOPES

#### Today's Birthday (02-08-07)

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To get the advantage, check the day's rating: 10 is the easiest day, 0 the most challenging.

#### Aries (March 21-April 19)

Today is an 8 — Start counting the money but don't spend it yet. Figure out how much you need and where you're going to get it.

#### Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Today is a 7 — As you busily bustle about, you'll encounter people who want to help. This is good, but don't let them take control. Keep that job for yourself.

#### Gemini (May 21-June 21)

Today is a 7 — Although you seem to be more efficient now, do pay attention. Listen to your partner, the critics and the competition. Don't race off in the wrong direction.

#### Cancer (June 22-July 22)

Today is a 6 — There's plenty of work, but the money is not great. It seems to come in dribbles. The good news is that it's steady, so keep on plugging away. The boredom will make you creative.

#### Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Today is a 6 — Hide out for a while and let yourself heal. You have a few scrapes and bruises. Don't even think or talk things over. Listen and watch, at the most.

#### Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Today is a 7 — Gather up all the goodies you can, and stash them in a safe place. You're just about to get interested in doing something else.

#### Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Today is a 7 — You're starting to see results, and that's enormously gratifying. Don't go shouting to the hilltops yet; it's still too early.

#### Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Today is a 7 — As you wrap up this latest chore, give yourself a break. Go out and spend some of what you've just earned on somebody you love.

#### Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Today is a 7 — Another source of funds is becoming available. This may be old debts you can collect, or an old project you can finish. It's like finding a treasure, but you still have to do the work.

#### Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Today is a 7 — Your friends all want to celebrate your newly acquired wealth. You're running into friends you haven't seen in years. Some, you may suspect, you've never seen before. Take care.

#### Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Today is an 8 — The more you understand, the more curious you become. Don't worry about running out of questions. There's a whole universe to explore.

#### Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Today is a 6 — Stash away your surplus, and everything else you might need. It never hurts to be prepared. Get new flashlight batteries, too.

### —STROLLER

## Your Man hates Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is a day of love and candy and Hallmark and fake roses and fake breasts and fat people downing boxes of chocolate chased with vodka and anti-depressants to drown their sorrows.

But let us not forget, that Valentine's Day is about something more than all that. It's truly about women...and their ability to suck the souls out of every man on the planet on one single day.

This sounds cynical I know, but all I see when I look at V-day is a holiday created to kill men—to suffocate them under a mountain of teddy bears, credit card debt and pent up feelings about how fat she looks in the lingerie he overpaid for.

And it's not their fault. It's genetic. Their moms were soul-sucking beasts; their grandmothers were soul-sucking beasts and so on. They can't help it. It is encoded into women to break men down, to crush every hope and dream until he is nothing more than

an ATM with a penis. They do it slowly, too. They are as patient as samurai and wear men down with a steady diet of whining and questions like, "What are we?", "What are we doing?" and "Why are your pants off? We're at a baseball game." Would you stop it with the third degree?

Nothing is more pathetic than seeing a broken man. I can spot one from a mile away. The first sign of a broken man is holding hands. No self-respecting man holds hands while walking. The second, he's wearing clothes that match his girlfriend's/wife's. The third, he's always broke because he's already spent his money on scented candles, couples counseling and pornography (it's hidden).

I do hate Valentine's Day. So here is a warning to all men. It's not all fake flowers and reservations at Hooters. Sometimes, you have to cuddle with them. And cuddling sucks.



The Stroller



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"Help your partner feel more loved"  
Respect and honor each other.  
Look for fun activities and bonding experiences to share with your mate.  
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Once a week, your partner's self-esteem communicates.  
honor your marriage vows.  
Once a day, find something that makes you both laugh.

### —WHO'S PAYING?

#### The bride and her family:

Wedding invitations, announcements and mailing costs. Wedding dress, veil, accessories and trousseau.

Engagement and wedding photographs and video service. Fees for the wedding locations, sexton, organist and soloist.

Reception: location, wedding cake, food, drinks, music and decorations. Groom's ring.

Wedding gift for the groom. Gifts for the bride's attendants. Bride's blood test.

Lodging for out-of-town bridesmaids. The groom and his family: Bride's engagement and wedding ring. Marriage license.

Officiant's fee (clergy or judge). Wedding gift for the bride. Complete honeymoon trip.

Gifts for the best man, groomsmen and ushers. Lodging for out-of-town ushers. Groom's blood test.

**Varying expenses:** Attendants' dresses. Each attendant usually purchases these, but the bride and her family may purchase them if they choose.

Bridesmaids' luncheon or party. This event is usually given by the bride, but may also be given by the attendants or a family relative.

Rehearsal dinner. Usually hosted by the groom's parents, however, it may also be hosted by friends or relatives.

Transportation for the bride and groom. Special means of transportation may be arranged by either the bride's or the groom's family.

**Wedding flower expenses:** The bride and her family. Flowers for the female attendants.

All corsages with the exceptions of the mother's and the grandmother's. Flowers for the ceremony, aisle runners and rental equipment.

Reception: flowers. The groom and his family. Going away corsage for the bride.

Boutonnieres for the men in the wedding party. Flowers for relatives unable to attend the wedding.

**Varying expenses:** The bride's bouquet. Usually a gift from the groom but may be included in the bride's family expenses as part of her ensemble.

Corsages for the mothers and grandmothers. The groom's family traditionally gives these, however, they may be given by the bride's family.

Flowers for the rehearsal dinner. These are usually purchased by the hosts of the party, who is most likely the groom's family.

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## Considerations when choosing a photographer

- How many photographers work with the company? Will the photographer hired be the one that shows up at the wedding?
- Can the photographer provide samples of his or her previous work?
- Do the wedding photo packages include unlimited coverage, or is there an extra fee for all-day coverage?
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- How many and what kind of cameras does the photographer use? Does he or she have backup equipment if something breaks?
- How far will the photographer travel to a wedding before charging a travel fee?
- Does the photographer charge a fee if the wedding and reception are in more than one location?
- Does the photographer offer a Web site and CD of the images? If so, is this included in any wedding packages or is this an extra fee?
- Is the photographer flexible enough to provide an alternative photo package if the ones he or she offers do not fit a client's budget or taste?
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Source: Topweddingsites.com

### —WEDDINGGISTS

It is considered rude to put "cash only gifts" or other wording meaning the same thing on the invitation.

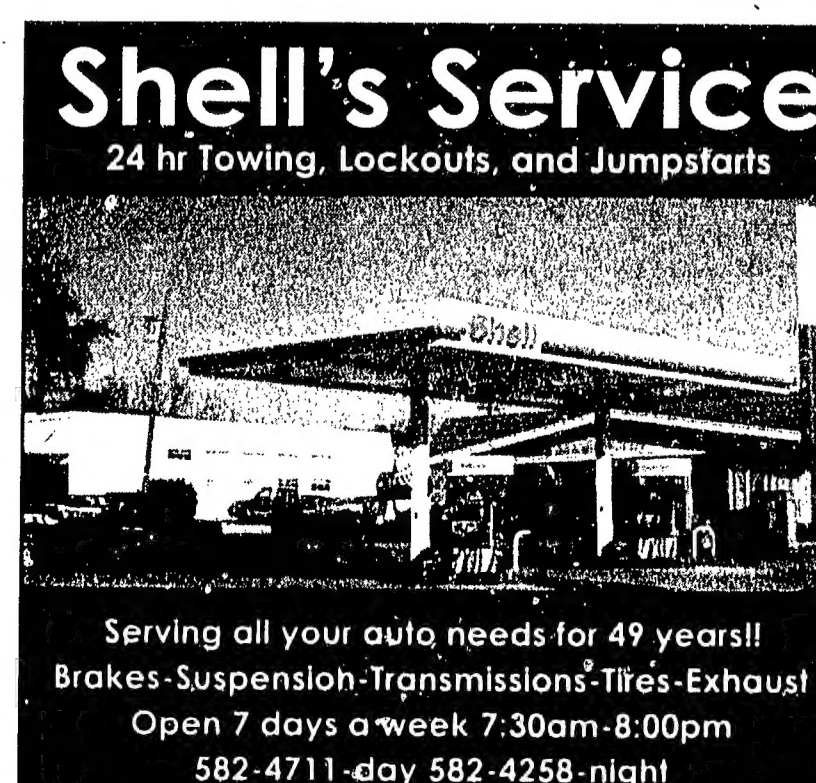
You're not supposed to put registry information on your wedding invitation. It's left up to friends and family to inform everyone.

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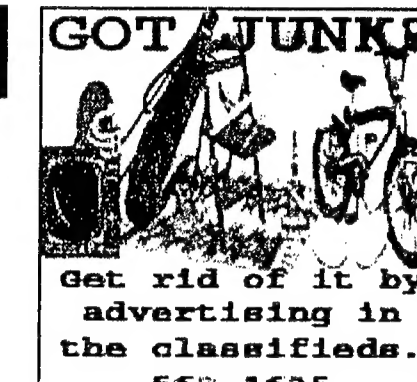
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## Never really goodbye



CALLIE POORE and Wes Starlin attend an Alpha Delta Pi banquet December 2005. The couple has been together for more than five years and recently got engaged.



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## Couple remembers special Valentine's Days despite dealing with long distance twice

By Lindsay Jacobs  
Asst. Features Editor

They have never told each other, "goodbye" despite their long distance relationship. It's always been "see ya" because they know it's not really "goodbye."

They never get off the phone without saying "I love you" to one another.

Northwest alum Wes Starlin and Northwest junior Callie Poore have been together more than five years and recently are making a long distance relationship work for the second time.

In fact, just after the second period of distance, they got engaged over winter break.

This Valentine's Day they will be four hours apart because Starlin attends graduate school in Springfield, Mo., but each remembers their favorite Valentine's Days spent together.

One of Poore's favorite Valentine's Days with Starlin came during her high school senior year. She had a basketball game, and he was going to school at Northwest.

After the game she had to take money at a dance. When she went home Starlin had lit candles and gave her a rose asking, "May I please have this dance?"

He played the song "Now and Forever" by Richard Marx which turned into their song, Poore said.

Her other favorite one was last year. Starlin was running low on money, and they weren't going to do anything special for Valentine's Day, Poore said. She had just got out of meeting when Starlin called and asked her if she wanted to go to Applebee's.

She walked into her apartment where he was there with a pot roast he had cooked. They enjoyed a candle lit dinner.

"It was funny because all day long he wouldn't let me go into his room," Poore said. "Well come to find out he was making the pot roast in his room and didn't want me to know."

Starlin's favorite Valentine's Day came when he and Poore dressed up and went to a restaurant near their hometowns.

The couple met in high school, even though they didn't go to the same high school. Because he went to a small school Starlin's high school shared some programs with Poore's school.

They started dating during her sophomore year and his senior year in high school. They hung out a few times before their first official date when they went to see "Rush Hour 2."

Distance is nothing new to them. Starlin graduated high school in 2002 and came to college at Northwest.

"We decided to stay together," Poore said. "It was really hard, but we knew we cared about each other and wanted to make it work."

The distance helped them build their relationship, Poore said.

"That (a long distance relationship) takes a lot of hard work and a lot of people can't handle it," Poore said.

Poore describes the distance as "extremely hard," but the distance makes time together special.

"I think we cherish the time (together) more, we don't take it for granted as much as if we were together all the time," Starlin said.

After she graduated in 2004 she also came to Northwest, and they spent two years together. Starlin graduated from Northwest last spring.

Since his move to Springfield they get to see each other about every two weeks, but in the meantime they talk on phone.

Poore's favorite date was their one-year anniversary when Starlin took her on a picnic in a field behind his house.

She appreciates the way Starlin treats her. "I love the way he treats me," Poore said. "He puts me on a pedestal, and every girl wants to be treated like they're on a pedestal."

He is also very determined, Poore said.

"He knows what he wants in the future, and he goes for it," Poore said. "But he still keeps me right there with him."

Starlin likes how Poore makes him feel comfortable around her family and friends and how she is comfortable with his family. He also enjoys

her ability to look beyond the present, and her laid back sense of humor.

During winter break the couple got engaged in Colorado on a skiing trip with Starlin's family. She had no idea he was going to propose. He asked her parents and her brother before the trip.

Both families knew before it happened. Poore's mother, Pam, said Wes called them before they left for Colorado to let them know what he had planned and to get their approval.

Pam admitted it was hard keeping it a secret because she knew how excited Callie would be, and they were afraid Callie's 12-year-old brother might accidentally give it away.

He didn't want the ring to be considered a Christmas present, so he got her a CD player for her car.

Starlin waited until the second day of the trip to propose since Poore had a bad day of skiing the first day.

Callie found a box a little smaller than a shoebox on the coffee table in the condo. Starlin had put the ring in four or five boxes that led to the ring box.

Starlin told her she had one more Christmas present. When she reached the last box Starlin got down on one knee and proposed.

Nikki Starlin, Wes's mother, said she is thrilled about them getting engaged, and thinks they have handled the distance well.

"I think that they're really committed to each other," Nikki said.

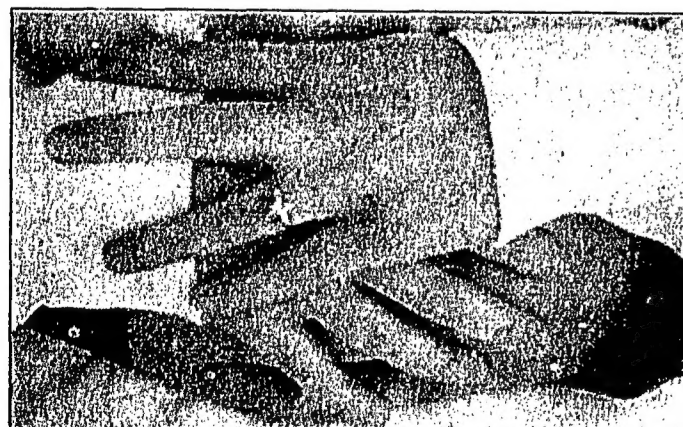
They plan to get married some time during May 2008, Callie said.

"I'm glad they have each other," Pam said.



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**SHORTLY AFTER** Starlin proposed to Poore, the two posed for a picture in a condo in Colorado.



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**POORE AND STARLIN** got engaged over Winter Break in Colorado on a skiing trip.